

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 26th March 2025
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors M Coulon, P Shepley, P Nash, I Wilson & Unitary Councillor P Wynn
and J Evans (Clerk)

Apologises: Councillors L Dowley and A Swindale

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were 4 members of the public present who introduced themselves as the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Reform candidates for the Unitary Councillor role in the forthcoming Local Elections and a resident who was thinking about becoming a Parish Councillor.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26th February 2025** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of these minutes and it was resolved by the Council that they were a true and accurate records of proceedings.

5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters:**

The following updates were advised to the Council:

- a. The Clerk advised that the Shropshire Council Officer dealing with the Rectory Lane canal bridge matter has responded to say that there is currently no further update and he thinks it will be sometime before a satisfactory solution for all parties is found.
- b. The Clerk was also pleased to report that white paint had now been sprayed around the grid by Adderley Lodge farm and Cllr Nash confirmed that white paint was also around the pothole on the A529 at the top of Green Bank, everyone hoped that these highway issues would be dealt with shortly.

6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised the meeting that:

- He received a response from Shropshire Council's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the issue that he had recently reported and they are investigating this further.
- He has also been chasing the Rectory Lane canal bridge matter.
- As regards the lorry trailers that have been seen on nearby roads, one is being removed by the owner, after prosecution, and the other two will have to be moved by Shropshire Council, at some point, at a cost of £10k each.
- Cllr Wynn concluded that it had been a pleasure working with this Parish Council over the last 16 years and Cllr Coulon expressed his thanks, on behalf of the Council, for all the work and support they had received from Cllr Wynn over the years.

7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – No-one had attended a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.

8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed:**

None

Determination of Planning

None

9. **Accounts**

a. **Expenditure** – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
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E-on	Supplying & fitting shield for street light	Int Bk	£130.00	£26.00	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
RBLI	4 Remembrance soldiers	Int Bk	£700.00		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
RBLI	6 V E Day street light plaques	Int Bk	£29.94		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Shropshire Council	Annual bin emptying charge	Int Bk	?	?	LA 1983 s 5
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly bank charges		£6.00		LGA 1972 s 111
Jane Evans	Clerk's expenses	Int Bk	£142.81		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - March 2025	S/O	£377.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - April 2025	S/O	£377.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£1,762.75	£26.00	

The Clerk explained that she had hoped to receive the Shropshire Council invoice for the bin emptying this week so that it could be paid before the year end but as this had not happened, she suggested that the Councillors agree this payment on an email, if it is received before 31st March, all agreed. The Council agreed to the payment of above expenditure.

b. Bank Reconciliation – For the Council to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward	£ 8,749.16
Income to date	£ 18,084.75
Expenditure to date	£ 14,351.09
Balance to be carried forward	£12,482.82

Bank Balances as at 28th February 2025:

Current Account	£ 539.29
Funds held in Int Earning A/c	£ 11,943.53
Adjustment for unrepresented cheques & wages	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 12,482.82

c. Internal Auditors Report – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the report from the Internal Auditor and it was resolved by the Council to accept this report and Cllr Nash wished to record the Council's thanks to the Clerk for a positive report. The Clerk will ensure that a copy of this is on the Parish website.

d. Standing Orders and Direct Debits – The Clerk had printed off a copy of all the Direct Debits and Standing Orders that the Parish Council held on their bank account, she went through this list, explaining what these related to and the Council agreed that these were all correct.

e. Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan Accounts – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the final accounts relating to the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan which, after a repayment of £35.07 to each of the three parishes involved, brought the amount to nil. The Council resolved that these accounts were correct.

10. Highways & Environmental Health – The Council briefly discussed the speed restrictions recently implemented on the A529 but there were no further issues at present.

11. Street Lighting – All the street lights were reported to be in working order.

12. Playground Report – The Clerk confirmed that the new Vortex play equipment had been ordered but no installation date had yet been agreed. Cllr Shepley asked if the issue regarding the gap by the boundary fencing of the playground had been investigated and Cllr Coulon confirmed that this was being taken forward.

13. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Evans continues to circulate any issues to the Council; Neighbourhood Watch members and the WhatsApp group.

14. Annual Parish Meeting – This meeting of the Parish, facilitated by the Parish Council, has been booked for Wednesday 21st May. The Clerk explained that there were certain items that needed to be included, the

agreeing the minutes of the previous meeting and reports from the Parish Council Chairman and the Unitary Councillor but other groups could also do reports or updates on projects that were happening in the parish. Cllr Wilson confirmed that the Village Hall committee would be doing a report to include the findings of their recent consultation. Cllr Nash confirmed that he would do an update for Adderley Heritage Group. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Adderley Church, Adderley School and Adderley Flower & Planter Group to see if they would like to take part in this event and then the Clerk could then put together a running order nearer to the time.

15. Correspondence – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings.

16. Parish Matters – Cllr Shepley advised that recently 20 – 25 books had been taken from the Bus Shelter library and it was hoped that these were taken to read and not just taken. Cllr Coulon advised the meeting that he would be putting up the VE Day lamp post signs and a VE Day flag 2 weeks before the date and leave them up for 2 weeks after. His understanding was that the Silent Soldiers would be going up around the same time with a group of five on the grass by the church and the war memorial and one in the church with a light over it. The Clerk thanked both Cllr Nash and Cllr Wilson, shortly to retire from the Parish Council, for all the help and support that they had given her personally over the time that they have been Councillors.

17. Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th May 2025. This will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council following the local election on 1st May 2025. There were no further items for the agenda at this time.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 26th March 2025

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 7th May 2025

Signed by the Chairman